GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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DENOTIFYING ZUDPI JUNGLE LAND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to denotify Ha Zudpi Jungle land in Vidharbha region of Maharashtra as recommended by the High Powered Committee appointed under the Chairmanship of Shri M.K. Sharma;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which a notification is likely to be issued in this regard; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Environment and Forests vide its notification no.4-8/87-FC (Pt.) dated 21.9.1998 had constituted a High Powered Committee to identify and sort out the problems of zudpi jungle areas in Maharashtra and to suggest different land uses for such areas in the interest of conservation as well as development.

The High Power Committee, in its report has made certain recommendations out of which one of the recommendation is that the 86,409 ha. of zudpi land, which is not suitable for forest management, should be denotified and be allowed for non-forestry use. Out of this 86,409 ha.; 27,507 ha. land is under encroachment; 26,672 ha. is under non-forestry use; and 32,229 ha is fragmented land etc. The report of the Committee is under consideration of this Ministry.